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JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY IN KRAKOW

JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY WAS FOUNDED IN 1364 BY KING CASIMIR THE GREAT. IT IS EASTERN EUROPE'S SECOND OLDEST UNIVERSITY, PRE-DATED ONLY BY CHARLES UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE. AFTER A BRIEF DECLINE, IT WAS REJUVENATED AND EXPANDED IN 1397 BY POLISH QUEEN JADWIGA, AND ACTIVE PATRON OF THE ARTS AND EDUCATION. THE 15TH AND FIRST HALF OF THE 16TH CENTURIES WERE A GOLDEN AGE IN THE SCHOOLS HISTORY. COPERNICUS, THE FATHER OF MODERN ASTRONOMY, WAS A STUDENT THERE DURING THIS PERIOD. THE REFORMS OF 1777-1781 TRANSFORMED THE SCHOOL INTO A MODERN UNIVERSITY SIMILAR TO THE INSTITUTION WHICH TODAY SERVES 12,000 STUDENTS.

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THE RECTOR IS PROFESSOR MIECZYSLAW KARAS. DIRECTOR OF THE COLLEGIUM'
MAIUS MUSEUM IS THE EMINENT ART HISTORIAN, PROFESSOR KAROL
ESTREICHER. IN THE COLLEGIUM MAIUS, THE UNIVERSITYS OLDEST
BUILDING, WHICH DATES TO 1400, ARE COPERNICAN MANUSCRIPTS AND
ASTRONOMICAL INSTRU-
MENTS AND THE FIRST GLOBE ON WHICH THE WORD "AMERICA" APPEARED
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